

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	25 May	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	For Peace in our World	The Most Holy Trinity
Sun	26 May	8.15 am 9.00 am	Confessions Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's	Private Intention (C.W)	The Most Holy Trinity
		10.30 am 11.00 am	Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	People of the Parishes	
		5.00 pm	Vespers & May Procession	St. Lawrence's		
Mon	27 May	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Gabby O'Sullivan RIP	St. Augustine of Canterbury
Tue	28 May	9.15 am 10.00 am	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	Rev. John Hawthorne RIP	Feria
Wed	29 May					Feria
Thur	30 May	8.45 am 9.30 am	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's	Elizabeth Ryan & Family Living & Deceased	Feria
Fri	31 May	8.45 am 9.30 am	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Private Intention (J.O)	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat	1 June	10.30 am	Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	Crawford Auchterlonie	St Justin
		4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	People of the Parishes	Corpus Christi
Sun	2 June	8.15 am 9.00 am	Confessions Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's	Chris McGuinness RIP	Corpus Christi
		10.30 am 11.00 am	Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Lindsay & Wallace Families	



St. TERESA'S
Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S
Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S
Byker Crescent, Byker



Parish Newsletter

TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday 26th May



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Safeguarding	The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are listed below or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk		
Safeguarding Reps:	St. Teresa's:	Jean Potts	
	St. Lawrence's:	George Paul Atkinson	
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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR. JONATHON

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Whilst mindful of the fact that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated in honour of the Trinity, today we reflect in a particular way on the central doctrine and mystery of our faith - One God in Three divine Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God does not exist in isolation, but as a triune community of love. His nature is revealed through this relationship between the Three Persons - he is not lofty and isolated, but composed of the pure love which flows continuously amongst and from him.

Many have attempted to explain the mystery of the Trinity, but it is not possible for human minds to fully understand - only to accept, through faith. Fortunately it's not necessary to understand God, to be loved by him. It's not necessary to understand God, in order to accept that he has set us free from sin and death. Being baptised in the name of the Trinity, we are brought to share in the life of God, the community of the Trinity, and we exist to bring others to share in it also.

"When they saw Him, they worshipped, but they doubted." It's not a coincidence that the Great Commission is preceded by a reminder that most of us struggle with doubt. We can trust in God always - Jesus says, "All power in heaven and earth has been given to me." Yet how many of us believe in God's power, but do not rely on it exclusively? The truth is that faith and doubt are just part of the same conversation - we all have doubts, and always will. But Jesus does not doubt us. He has promised to be with us always, until the end of time. He has delegated part of his divine authority to us, and sent us to make disciples of all the nations, the whole world! Lord, we believe, help our unbelief!

Fr. Jonathon

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

those who are sick or housebound and their carers:

John Gourley, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Aileen, Tommy Allan, Tony Errington, Pat Matfin, Mary McLaren and Gerard Lalor.

Our sick children: Josh Graham, James Taylor, Joseph Relph, Colby Taylor & Charlie Davidson

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for May:

For the formation of religious and seminarians : We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

During Ordinary Time (Summer)

We are asked to pray for these intentions: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life & Seafarers.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

RECENTLY DECEASED

We keep in our prayers, and pray for the repose of the soul of, Francis Collings who has died recently. Details of Frankie's funeral will be published once finalised.

SUNG VESPERS & MAY PROCESSION - TODAY

This afternoon at St. Lawrence's we will be having Sung Vespers for Trinity Sunday, which will be followed by a May Procession around the Byker Wall. Please do come along if you are able as we bring the month of Our Lady to a close with a procession in her honour. It is also a great witness to our faith as we pray for our local community and for peace throughout the world.

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP

The Young Adult Prayer group will meet again on **Wednesday 29th May at 7.00pm** at St. Teresa's. We will begin with Exposition, followed by a reflection on the Holy Eucharist. The Sacrament of Confession will be available to those who wish to go. We will conclude our evening at St Teresa's Club for some social time together. Please do spread the word and come along.

A DAY WITH THE LORD - CORPUS CHRISTI

This Saturday we will be hosting a Day with the Lord. This will take place at St Anthony's and will begin with Mass at 10.30am followed by exposition. There will be Two talks on the Eucharist spread throughout the day. The First will be at 12noon which will be preceded by Midday Prayer. The second talk will take place at 4.00pm during Evening Prayer. We will end our Day with the Vigil Mass of Corpus Christi at 5.30pm concluding with a short Eucharistic Procession around the grounds of the Church. Please feel free to bring along a packed lunch. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for those who wish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION 2024/25

Application forms are still available from Fr Jonathon for children who are currently in school Year 3 or above, and who would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2025. Application forms must be collected from Fr. Jonathon before the 2nd of June and returned by the 9th June. The application forms include all the dates for the sessions.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Every year on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi you are recommissioned to serve in the parish as Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to continue in this important ministry can you please speak to Fr. Jonathon and fill collect a form, which contains the rite for recommissioning . You will need to be recommissioned to be able to continue in your ministry. This will take place during the Sunday Masses on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

CAR PARKING AT ST. TERESA'S

Over the last couple of months the car parking at St Teresa's has become very dangerous. It is extremely important that there is always access to the car park for the emergency services. Therefore, it is requested that parishioners do not park in the middle of the Car Park on a Sunday. Once all the carparking spaces are full please find somewhere else to park outside of the carpark.

NEW LECTIONARIES

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture Readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising the liturgical texts. The new Lectionaries will be mandatory for use in all parishes from Advent Sunday. The new Lectionaries, along with the book of the Gospels, will cost each parish £975. If you would like to make any donations towards these new books, and have them dedicated in memory of a loved one, please speak to Fr. Jonathon. At St. Teresa's the current Mass reading Books will no longer be used from this weekend. If you would like to take away the old books with you as you leave today, you are very welcome to do so. There will be an opportunity to order you own Sunday Missal at a price of £19.95. If you would like to order your own Missal, please place your name and money in an envelope and give to Fr Jonathon by Sunday 23rd June. These will be ordered before the end of June and all the new books will arrive at the beginning of October.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The next baptism preparation meeting, for those parents who have already returned a baptism application form, will take place on Monday 3rd June after the 6.30pm Mass at St Teresa's. If you would like a child baptised, please collect a form from Fr Jonathon after Sunday Mass and return it to him the following week.

NEW WINE PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday, 6.30pm, at St Anthony's. Please enter via Philipson Street if car park gates closed.

DAILY MASS AND EXPOSITION

Mass is celebrated within our three parishes every day (except a Wednesday). Are you retired? Are you on holiday? Are you free during the day? Do you need some support? Come to Mass during the week and experience the benefits we receive by doing so. Adoration gives us some quiet time for prayer and peacefulness and at Mass the Lord Jesus feeds us with his body and blood. What a wonderful opportunity lies before us every week!

MASS INTENTIONS

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Currently the parishes has very few Mass intentions booked in during the week. There is nothing better than having a Mass offered for someone, or for some intention. Do you want a Mass offered for a particular intention? Perhaps for a deceased relative or friend, or for someone who is sick, or for your own intention? For Mass to be offered it is tradition that a stipend is donated to contribute to the upkeep of your priest. Please contact the office, or fill out a Mass envelope (available in the church porches) and return to Fr Jonathon if you would like a Mass offered. If you request a specific date and that date is not available the Intention will be said on the nearest possible date.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE & THE WIDER CHURCH

DIOCESAN VISION

Dear Sisters & Brothers. In order to grow as a synodal Church it is important that we all have a chance to pray and discern how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in mission in our parishes and communities. To facilitate this, I together with others, offer an initial Diocesan vision for your prayerful reflection. Our discerned Diocesan commitments are: To Walk with Jesus and Enable Others to Encounter Him; To grow as One Diocesan Family- Rebuilding Relationships; Forming and Developing People for Mission; Living Justly and Caring for Our Common Home. Each of these commitments are developed in the vision. It is not my intention to impose this vision. It is offered for further reflection and I invite all of our parishes and communities to prayerfully reflect on them. We offer accompanying resources and support to enable this reflection. Please contact your parish office if you would like hard copies of these materials which are all available on the diocesan website.

With assurances and prayers + Stephen

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

The Vocations Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+, who might be experiencing the call from God to discern priesthood to join the Vocations Team in finding out more. The evenings will take place at St Joseph's Church, Stanley once a month on a Tuesday Evening. For more information, please see the posters in the church porches or speak to Fr Jonathon.

CORPUS CHRISTI: EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AT USHAW

On Sunday 2nd June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car and if you are able to offer lifts

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL AMENDMENTS - ABORTION

The House of Commons will vote on important amendments to abortion law on Tuesday 4 June and people can email their MPs easily using this link to the CBCEW website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/take-action-on-proposed-abortion-law-change/>

REFUGEE WEEK - ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our Diocese will take place at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Tuesday 18 June at 6.30pm. This event will celebrate the richness of our Diocesan family by bringing together people of different nationalities who make their home here in the North East of England. We will have the opportunity to listen to people's stories, celebrate their talents and recognise that we are better off when we welcome the strangers and make them our friends. We will hear what the Diocese has to offer and also see the gifts and talents of our new neighbours. During the event Bishop Stephen will receive, on behalf of the whole Diocese, a Lampedusa Cross donated by CAFOD. This will then be housed in the cathedral as a sign of our commitment and welcome to those who are enriching life in our Diocese. Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration organised by the Vicariate for Caritas.